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PROGRAM

THE DISTRACTIONS OF TECHNOLOGY

Technology is a good thing. The information available to a pilot operating a modern aircraft is tremendous. That should make flying easier and safer, right? Not necessarily. Some disturbing trends have been identified and their source seems to be linked to new technology in the cockpit. Some of the things include loss of situational awareness, degradation of piloting skills, and distractions and task saturation. By its very nature, once a distraction occurs, it is almost impossible to make good decisions. When our attention is channelized, we are no longer capable of processing multiple inputs. In aviation, if we spend too much time focusing on one thing, it's guaranteed that something else is going wrong.

This program will examine how task saturation adversely effects our ability to make good decisions. It will also suggest ways to plan ahead to deal with them, and review survival techniques to employ when we feel ourselves rapidly approaching an overload situation.

Attendance at this seminar qualifies a pilot for participation in the FAA Pilot Proficiency Program - WINGS. Pilots who successfully qualify for a phase of Wings, need not accomplish a flight review (BFR). For additional information contact the St. Louis Flight Standards District Office, 1 800-322-8876, ext. 4835 or 314-890-4835.

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